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Title: METHOD, DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR THERMAL PROCESSING

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I. Preliminary Amendment

Please amend the above-captioned application as discussed below. All amendments are supported by the specification as originally filed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-5, 8, 11, 15-18, 33-34, 42-46, 51, 54, 56, 58, 61-62, 64-65 and 68.

The amendments are supported by the specification as originally filed.

Please cancel without prejudice (withdraw) claims 6-7, 9-10, 12-14, 23-32, 35-41, 47-50, 53, 55, 57, 59-60, 63, 69-74 and 76-96.